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SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM GUIDANCE MANUAL

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SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

The Special Milk Program (SMP) encourages the consumption of milk by school-age children (including pre-school) by offering full or partial reimbursement to schools and organizations for milk served to children. The School Health and Nutrition Programs office at the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) administers the SMP in Arizona. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides the funding for the SMP.

PARTICIPATION

The SMP is available to children of all schools or nonprofit child care institutions which do not participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This includes nonprofit day care centers, summer camps, settlement houses and homeless shelters. To be eligible, a shelter's primary purpose must be to provide shelter and a minimum of one regularly scheduled meal service per day to homeless families. The shelter cannot be a residential child care institution.

The SMP is also available to students attending a split-session kindergarten or pre-primary students in a school that participates in the NSLP or SBP, if those students do not have access to the lunch or breakfast programs.

Schools and organizations (known as program sponsors) wishing to participate in the SMP are required to submit an online Site and Sponsor Application to the ADE for approval prior to beginning the SMP. Application information may be obtained by visiting the ADE website at www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/Operating/HowtoApply.asp or by calling the School Health and Nutrition Programs office at (602) 542-8700 or 1-800-352-4558.

REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS

Reimbursement payments are made to program sponsors based on the number of halfpints of milk served each month to eligible children. There is no limit to the number of halfpints each eligible child can receive each day. Milk served to adults or milk used in cooking may not be claimed for reimbursement. More information on reimbursement claims can be found on page 5 and Appendix I.

Milk is reimbursed at a Free rate or a Paid rate. The Paid rate is determined annually by USDA every July 1, while the Free rate is the average cost of a half-pint as charged by the milk vendor to the program sponsor.

PRICING AND NON-PRICING PROGRAMS

Program sponsors may choose to serve milk under a pricing or a non-pricing program. A sponsor should consider the administrative requirements of each option, as well as the population to be served, when making a decision about which option to use. All options require that parents be provided written notification about the program. The amount of reimbursement provided by USDA depends upon the option chosen.

The information below provides a comparison of the three available program options.

Nonpricing

In a nonpricing program, either the milk is provided by the sponsor at no charge to all children, or the price of milk is included in the tuition or camping fee so that all children automatically receive milk. Sponsors of nonpricing programs are not required to collect Household Applications as determination and verification of a child's eligibility is not necessary. However, parents are still required to be notified about the availability of the SMP. (Refer to **Appendix A** for a sample Letter to Parents.) Reimbursement is claimed at the Paid rate. Meal count and cash/ticket collection procedures are not required for this type of milk program.

Pricing Program:

In a pricing program, children may be charged for milk. Sponsors have two options when offering a pricing program:

Pricing Without Free Milk:

Under this option, sponsors do not collect Household Applications and choose not to offer free milk. All children, regardless of eligibility, are charged the same amount for milk. The charge for milk is **not** included in tuition. Parents must be notified about the SMP. (Refer to **Appendix A** for a sample Letter to Parents.) Reimbursement is claimed at the Paid rate. Meal count and collection procedures and verification of eligibility are not required for this type of milk program.

Pricing With Free Milk:

This option allows the sponsor to provide free milk to children who qualify in accordance with the family size and Income Guidelines established by USDA. At the beginning of each school year or fiscal year, sponsors must distribute an approved Letter to Parents and Household Application to each household advising them of the availability of the program (Appendices B and C). Household Applications must be approved using the current fiscal year Income Guidelines as issued by USDA (Appendix D). Children who do not qualify for free benefits may receive milk free or be charged in accordance with the Policies and Procedures set by the sponsor. Reimbursement is claimed as either Free or Paid as determined on the Household Application. Meal count and cash/ticket collection procedures are required for this type of milk program, and sponsors must provide assurance that free milk is provided to needy children without physical segregation or overt identification. Verification of eligibility is required for this option. Sponsors will be required to report verification information to the Arizona

Department of Education by March 1st. Refer to the Free and Reduced-Price Policy Handbook and the CNP Verification Manual for detailed guidance on verification.

Exceptions can be made for children who reside in homeless shelters and can be approved to receive free milk without having a Household Application on file. However, documentation must be maintained on file with the sponsor to substantiate the child's eligibility. The documentation may consist of a list containing the following information:

- child's name
- effective date of eligibility
- date of withdrawal from school or change in eligibility
- residence (shelter, etc.)
- signature of determining official

Prior to processing Household Applications for the current school or fiscal year, a sponsor cannot claim or be reimbursed for free milk served to new children who are not part of a household approved the previous year. This regulation also applies to children who transfer between schools under the jurisdiction of different school districts unless the receiving school obtains a copy of the prior year's Household Application. Therefore, school officials are encouraged to expedite eligibility determinations for all such new enrollees. All households must be notified of their eligibility status (Appendix E).

For instructions of determining eligibility, notification to households, verification of eligibility, and the appeal process, consult your <u>Free and Reduced-Price Policy</u> Handbook.

All Household Applications, including those from households denied benefits and inactive Household Applications, must be kept on file for a minimum of three years after the end of the fiscal year to which they pertain. However, if audit findings have not been resolved, the Household Applications must be maintained as long as required for resolution of the issues raised by the audit.

Milk Pricing

The Special Milk Program must be operated on a nonprofit basis. When determining the charge to the child, the sponsor may consider the cost of straws, napkins, etc. in determining the cost to the child. For example:

Purchase price per half-pint	\$.19	Charge to child	\$.10
Straws, napkins	.06	Reimbursement	.15
Total cost	\$.25	Total income	\$.25

At no time should the total income exceed the sponsor's cost of administering the program.

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Program sponsors must keep records that document adherence to all Federal and State rules and regulations for the SMP, including records of income, expenditures and contributions received for three (3) years. Other recordkeeping requirements are described below:

Nonpricing Programs

Nonpricing program sponsors may report milk served based on their milk inventory. A sample work sheet **(Appendix F)** shows the method used in determining the number of half-pints of milk served each month. **(Appendix G** is a blank worksheet for recording monthly inventory using this method.)

Pricing Programs

Pricing Programs without Free Milk:

Sponsors operating a pricing program without free milk may also use milk inventory to determine the number of half-pints served by using the worksheets in **Appendices F** and **G**.

Pricing Programs with Free Milk:

Pricing sponsors are required to maintain the Household Applications for the SMP submitted by families. If the sponsor has multiple sites, the Household Applications must be filed by site.

Prior to participation in the SMP, sponsors operating a pricing program are required to detail their planned counting and cash/ticket collection procedures in **Section 6** of the online Sponsor Application located on CNP Web.

Sponsors operating a pricing program with free milk must record a daily count of the number of half-pints of milk served in each eligibility category of free or paid. Additionally, milk served to adults is **not** reimbursable, but must also be recorded on the daily count of the number of half-pints of milk served. Milk counts must be taken at the time when the child receives the milk (known as the point of service). The selected counting system should be based on the needs and available resources of the individual sponsor. Whatever system is used, it must ensure that an accurate count by eligibility category is achieved.

Acceptable counting systems include student names checked off from a classroom roster or a tally sheet. Counting systems that are **not** acceptable include attendance counts, classroom counts or counts taken anywhere other than at the point of service. Refer to **Appendix H** for a sample tally system worksheet.

THE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM (Refer to Appendix I for additional information)

SMP sponsors may claim all milk served to children during the program day; milk served to adults or milk used in cooking is **not** reimbursable.

Monthly reimbursement claims must be submitted through the CNP Web by the **tenth** (10th) of the month following the claim month. If the 10th of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a state holiday, the claims must be received on the following first working day.

Claims submitted through the CNP Web after the 10th of the month will be processed with the following months' claims. All claims submitted through the CNP Web within 60 calendar days following the claim month will be processed. A claim submitted through the CNP Web after 60 days may be granted a one-time exception, which is in effect for thirty-six (36) months. The written request must be submitted to the ADE to receive a one-time exception. No other exceptions may be granted within the thirty-six (36) month period.

Claims may be combined if not more than 10 days of program operation occurred in the first month. June and July claims may **not** be combined due to the reimbursement rate change in July. The end of the federal fiscal year claim (September) **cannot** be combined with the beginning of the next federal fiscal year claim (October).

A claim that has been created but not submitted for payment may be edited through the CNP Web at any time. Once a claim has been submitted for payment any changes must be completed by creating and submitting a revised claim. Revised claims are created by selecting the 'Create New Revision' option on CNP Web. A revised claim may be submitted within 60 calendar days following the claiming month. No upward revision will be paid after the 60-day deadline without a one-time exception. No exceptions will be granted if another exception (original or revised) was granted within a thirty-six month period. A downward revision may be made at any time.

Nonpricing Programs and Pricing Programs without Free Milk

Nonpricing programs and pricing programs without free milk report the number of half-pints of milk served to children in the 'Paid Half-Pints Served' section of the Reimbursement Claim. The reimbursement payment will be calculated by multiplying the number of half-pints of milk served by the current Fiscal Year's Paid reimbursement rate. Complete additional fields of the claim as required.

Pricing Programs with Free Milk

Pricing programs with free milk report the milk served to children who qualify as free in the 'Free Half-Pints Served' section of the Reimbursement Claim. The milk served to the remaining non-eligible children is reported in the 'Paid Half-Pints Served' section of the Reimbursement Claim. The rate of reimbursement for free milk will be determined by multiplying the average cost per half-pint of milk by the total number of Free half-pints served. The average cost per half-pints of milk is calculated based on the cost of the milk purchased during the month divided by the number of half-pints of milk purchased for the month. Complete additional fields of the claim as required.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Net Cash Resources

All sponsors must limit their net cash resources from the SMP to an amount that does not exceed three (3) months' average expenditures. The Net Cash Resources Worksheet (Appendix J) may be completed periodically to ensure that this requirement is being met.

Annual Financial Report

This report provides a summary of all revenues, expenditures and amount of milk purchased during the school year. The report is available online via Common Logon and must be completed each year by October 1.

Procurement Code of Standards

A written code of standards for bidding procedures to ensure ethical business practices must be developed and kept on file. Refer to **Appendix K** for a sample policy.

Procurement Procedures

A simple and informal method is appropriate when the aggregate estimated cost of one type of item, e.g., milk, is less than \$5,000 in one fiscal year. Price or rate quotations shall be obtained from three or more qualified sources. Copies of quotations must be retained for audit review.

All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner that provides open and free competition.

Sponsors must establish procedures for the purchase of milk to ensure that the purchase is made efficiently, economically, and in compliance with federal and state laws.

Sealed bids are required when the aggregate cost of one type of item is \$33,689 or more in one year.

Civil Rights

Sponsors that participate in any Child Nutrition Program must be in compliance with federal Civil Rights requirements. Sponsors must assure that program benefits are made available and provided to all eligible individuals without discrimination on the basis of their race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

To comply with the requirements, all sponsors shall:

 Ensure that all forms of communication and printed program information that are disseminated, especially the Letter to Parents for free milk, Household Applications and public releases include the nondiscrimination statement and complaint procedure: In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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- 2. Inform parents/guardians of students, as well as local minority and grass roots organizations, of the availability of program benefits and services.
- 3. Display the nondiscrimination poster in a prominent place. The poster may be obtained from School Health and Nutrition office at ADE.
- 4. Make available to the public, to participants and to potential participants, information about program requirements and the procedures for filing a complaint, in English and/or in appropriate translations for non-English-speaking persons.
- 5. Each sponsor shall develop a method for collecting racial/ethnic data. Methods include determination of the information by an official through observation, personal knowledge or voluntary self-identification by an applicant on the Household Application form. As with all other records, information collected shall be kept on file for three (3) years. The Civil Rights Compliance Form (Appendix L) must be completed each year by December 15, and retained on file for review.

Refer to **Appendix M** for the procedure for filing a civil rights discrimination complaint.

LETTER TO PARENTS SPECIAL MILK PRICING PROGRAM

Date
Dear Parent or Guardian:
The School participates pin the Special Milk Program, but has chosen not to offer free milk Students may buy half pints of milk for School participates pin the Special Milk Program, but has chosen not to offer free milk
"The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require atternative internative inter
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Sincerely,

Notificacion Para Padres Programa Especial De Leche Precios

Fecha
Estimados Padres o Tutor:
La escuela participa en el Programa Especial de Leche, pero ha escogido no ofrecer leche gratis. Los estudiantes podrán comprar leche de 8 onzas por centavos.
"El Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA, por sus siglas en inglés) prohíbe en todos sus programas y actividades la discriminación por raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, religión, edad, incapacidad, convicciones políticas, orientación sexual o estado civil. (No todas las bases prohibidas se aplican a todos los programas.) Las personas con incapacidades que necesitan medios alternativos de comunicación para obtener información sobre los programas (Braille, letras de gran tamaño, cintas de audio, etc.) deben comunicarse con el Centro TARGET del USDA llamardo al 1202 720-2600 (voz y Dispositivo de Telecomunicaciones para Sordos). Para presentar una queja por discriminación, escriba propria del 1904 por control Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 o llame al (202) 720-5964 (voz y Dispositivo de Telecomunicaciones para Sordos). "El USDA es un proveedor y empleador que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades."
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Atentamente,

LETTER TO PARENTS SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

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The	School/District takes part i	n the Special Milk F	Program every school day.	. Children from
households that meet federal income guidelin	ies are eligible for free milk.	To apply for free mi	ilk, complete the enclosed	application, sign
it, and return it to the school.				

- If you now get Food Stamps, Cash Assistance (CA) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for your child, that child is eligible for free milk.
- If your household income is at or below amounts on the income chart, your child is eligible for free milk.
- If you have a foster child, that child may be eligible for benefits regardless of your income.

INCOME CHART

HOW TO APPLY:

Effective From July	1, 2005 to Jun	e 30, 2006	
Household Size	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Week</u>
1	\$17,705	\$1,476	341
2	23,736	1,978	457
3	29,767	2,481	573
4	35,798	2,984	689
5	41,829	3,486	805
6	47,860	3,989	
7	53,891	4,491	(1,037)
8	59,922	4,994	(7),/125/31
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Family Member add	d +6,031	+503	446

If you are currently receiving Food Stamps, CA benefits, or FDPIR a Free Meals Program Letter will not be mailed to you. The district now has access to a Direct Certification System and is able to verify households receiving DES benefits. These children will be automatically qualified to receive free meals. The School/District will notify the household of the child's free meal benefits. If you are currently exerving FDPIR benefits, you will receive a letter indicating that you are gertified to receive FDPIR. A copy of this letter may be obtained from your Indian Tribal Organization. If you wish for your child to receive free meal benefits, please submit a copy of this letter to your child's school. If you have not received a copy of this letter, complete the application with your child's name, FDPIR case number and the signature of one adult household member.

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OTHER INFORMATION:

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Name

Address

CONFIDENTIALITY: The information you only to allow your child to receive free milk and to verify eligibility.

REAPPLICATION: Not may apply for free milk arrany time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, such as a decrease in household size, become unemployed or receive food stamps, CA or FDPIR for your child, fill our an application then.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES: If a child has been determined by a doctor to be handicapped and the handicap would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make any substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a handicap, please get in touch with us for further information.

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Applications will be determined by_	
	(Name and Title of Determining Official)

CARTA A LOS PADRES PROGRAMAS ESPECIAL DE LECHE

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	toma parte en el Programa Especial de Leche durante cada día escolar. Los s requeridas por la oficina Federal de ingresos, son elegibles para leche gratuita. Para la lo más pronto posible, fírmela, y devuelvalá a la escuela.
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Para presentar una queja por discriminación, escriba a USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 o llame al (202) 720-5964 (voz y Dispositivo de Telecomunicaciones para Sordos). "El USDA es un proveedor y empleador que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades."

Las solicitudes serán autorizadas por _	
•	(Nombre/título del oficial autorizado)

APPENDIX: C-1 FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION Part 2. Food Stamp / Cash Assistance / Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child) FDPIR Case Number Names of all children in school If your child(ren) have a Case Number School Name please enter it here. Skip to Part 6. (First, Middle Initial, Last) Grade Part 3. If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator at phone #] Homeless ☐ Migrant ☐ Runaway ☐ Part 4. Foster Child If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check this box \square and then list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$_____. Skip to Part 6. Part 5. Total Household Gross Income—You must tell us how much and how often 2. Gross income and how often it was received Example: \$100/monthly \$100/twice a month \$100/every other week \$100/weekly 3. Check Earnings from Work Weitare, Enilo Pensions, retirement, Social before deductions support almony Security 1. Name if NO (List everyone incom in household) All Other Income \$ \$ Part 6. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign) An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing me form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" bow (See Private Act statement on the back of this page.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all information on the information, diversity that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely pive take lihio matter, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: X

Print name:

Address: ____Phone Number: Address: Social Security Number: __ _ - _ _ - _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ I do not have a Social Security Number Part 7. Children's racial and ethnic identities (optional) Mark one or more racial identities: Mark one ethnic identity: Asian ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Hispanic or Latino White ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino ☐ Black or African American ☐ Other Don't fill out this part. This is for school use only. Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24 Monthly x 12 Total Income: _____ Per: ☐ Week, ☐ Every 2 Weeks, ☐ Twice A Month, ☐ Month, ☐ Year Household size: ____ Categorical Eligibility: ___ Date Withdrawn: ____Eligibility: Free__ Reduced__ Denied__ Reason: ____ Temporary Free: _____ Time Period: _____ (expires after ____ days) Determining Official's Signature: Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: ____ Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: ____

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART For School Year 2005-2006				
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	
1	\$17,705	\$1,476	\$341	
2	\$23,736	\$1,978	\$457	
3	\$29,767	\$2,481	\$573	
4	\$35,798	\$2,984	\$689	
5	\$41,829	\$3,486	\$805	
6	\$47,860	\$3,989	\$921	
7	\$53,891	\$4,491	\$1,037	
8	\$59,922	\$4,994	\$1,153	
Each additional person:	\$6,031	\$503	\$116	

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is highlighed from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 hidependents Avenue, S.W. Washington DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD), 1500 is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

APPPENDIX: C-2 SOLICITUD PARA COMIDAS ESCOLARES GRATIS O A PRECIO REDUCIDO Parte 2. Parte 2. El numero de caso de cupones para alimentos / Beneficios en Parte 1. Niños en escuela (Use una solicitud diferente para cada hijo de crianza) Efectivo (Cash Assistance) / FDPIR Nombres de todos los niños en escuela (Nombre, Inicial del Segundo Nombre, Si su(s) niño(s) tienen un número de caso por Grado favor escríbalo aquí. Vaya a la parte 6. Apellido) Nombre de la Escuela Parte 3. Si el niño para el que usted solicita es un niño sin hogar, emigrante o que ha abandonado su hogar, marque el bloque apropiado y llame a [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator at phone #] Sin Hogar ☐ Emigrante ☐ Abandonó su Hogar ☐ Parte 4. Hijo de Crianza Si esta solicitud es para un niño que es responsabilidad de una agencia de bienestar social o una corte, marque este bloque 🖵 luego anote la cantidad de ingreso personal que recibe el niño mensualmente: \$_____. Vaya a la parte 6. Parte 5. Ingreso bruto de su hogar—Usted debe decirnos cuanto es y cuando lo recibe, 1. Nombre 2. Ingreso bruto y frecuencia Ejemplo: \$100/mes \$100/dos reges all da 🕽 semanas 💲 \$100/semanales (Anote a todos en su hogar) Marque jubilación, Ingresos de Ganancias del trabajo si no hay antes de deducciones Seguro Social ingresos Otros Ingresos Parte 6. Firma y Número de Seguro Social (Un Adulto debe firmar) Un miembro adulto de la familia deberá firmar esta solicitud. Si completa la parte 4, el adulto que firma la solicitud de la familia deberá firmar esta solicitud. Si completa la parte 4, el adulto que firma la solicitud de Seguro Social. Yea el Actade Privato de la información en esta solicitud es verdadera y que he reput la group solo la información que yo provea. Entiendo que los oficiales de la provea de la información que yo provea. Entiendo que los oficiales de la provea de la información falsa, mis niños podrían perde la serviciales que yo podría ser procesado legalmente.

Firme Aquí: X Nontbje deletreado: Dirección:____ Teléfono:____ Número de Seguro Social: ____ - __ - __ - ___ ☐ No tengo número de Seguro Social Parte 7. Identidad étnica y racial de los niños (opcional) Marque una o más de las identidades raciales: Marque una identidad étnica: Asiático ☐ Indígena Norteamericano o Nativo de Alaska ☐ Hispano Latino Blanco ☐ Hawaiano o de otra isla del Pacífico ☐ No Hispano ni Latino ☐ De raza negra o Afro-Americano ☐ Otro No escriba en esta área. Esto es para uso oficial de la escuela.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24 Monthly x 12

Date:

Total Income: ______ Per: ☐ Week, ☐ Every 2 Weeks, ☐ Twice A Month, ☐ Month, ☐ Year Household size: ____

Categorical Eligibility: Date Withdrawn: Eligibility: Free Reduced Denied Reason:

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: ____ Follow-up Official's Signature: ____

Temporary Free: _____ Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)

Determining Official's Signature:

Sus niños podrían

calificar para comidas gratis o a precio reducido si el ingreso familiar está dentro de los límites de esta tabla.

TABLA FEDERAL DE INGRESOS Para el Año Escolar 2005-2006				
Tamaño del Hogar	Anual	Mensual	Semanal	
1	\$17,705	\$1,476	\$341	
2	\$23,736	\$1,978	\$457	
3	\$29,767	\$2,481	\$573	
4	\$35,798	\$2,984	\$689	
5	\$41,829	\$3,486	\$805	
6	\$47,860	\$3,989	\$921	
7	\$53,891	\$4,491	\$1,037	
8	\$59,922	\$4,994	\$1,153	
Cada persona adicional:	\$6,031	\$503	\$116	

Declaración del Acta de Privacidad: Esto explica como nosotros usaremos la información que usted nos provea.

La Ley Nacional de Almuerzo Escolar, Richard B. Russell, exige la información en esta solicitud. Usted no tiene que proveer la información pero si no lo hace, nosotros no podemos autorizar que sus hijo recipal corridas grates o a pregio reducido. Se requiere el número de Seguro Social del miembro adulto del hogar quien firma la solicitud. El propositiva de la constanta de c miembro adulto del hogar quien firma la solicitud. El nimero Special/no es necesario si usted está solicitando para un hijo de crianza o usted anota el número de caso de Cupones para Alimentos Beneficios en Efectivo (Cash Assitance), por sus siglas en inglés) o el Programa de Distribución de Alimentos en Reservaciones Indígenas (FDPIR, por sus siglas en inglés) asignados a los niños para los cuales está solicitando. Tampoco es necesario proveer el número de Seguro Social si usted indica que el miembro adulto del hegat que firmó la solicitud no tiene un número de Seguro Social. Nosotros usaremos su información para evaluar si sus hijos califican para confide serans de aprecio reducido, para desarrollar el su life de legibilidad con programas de programa, y para hacer cumplir con las reglas del programa Nosotros educación, salud y nutrición para ayudar a esos program beneficios; con auditores que revisan programas; y con personal de justicia para ayudarles a

Declaración de No-Discriminación: A se explica qué hacer si usted cree que se le ha tratado injustamente. De acuerdo con la ley Federal y la política del Departamento de Agricultura, está prohibido que esta institución discrimina por frativo de raza, color, nacionalidad, sexo, edad o office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten (voz y TDD). USDA no discrimina en sus incapacidad. Para presentar una queja por discriminación, por favo Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington programas y empleo.

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USDA CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM INCOME GUIDELINES

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

<u>FREE</u>				L_{NI}	пW		RED	UCED				
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Family Size:	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week	ΨIJIJ	Family Size:	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week
1	\$12,441	1,037	519	479/1711	^{UUU} 240		1	\$17,705	1,476	738	681	341
2	16,679	1,390	695	642	321		2 ()	23,736	1,978	989	913	457
3	20,917	1,744	872	805	403			0/29,767	2,481	1,241	1,145	573
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6	33,631	2,803	1,402	11a()Maga 1111) (64 7 \) (\		6	47,860	3,989	1,995	1,841	921
7	37,869	3,156	1,5 7 8 / 1		川		7	53,891	4,491	2,246	2,073	1,037
8	42,107	3,509	1,75岁///	1614,626	810		8	59,922	4,994	2,497	2,305	1,153
Each Additional Member Add:	+4,238	+354	+177	+163	A 182 5	We	Each Additional Vember Add:	+6,031	+503	+252	+232	+116

Note:

If all income is received on the same schedule

Example: welfare = \$100/month & pens

DO NOT use conversion factors

If family reports income sources from more than one schedule welfare = \$100/month & pension = \$300/week
Income MUST be converted to yearly.

Yearly Income = Monthly x 12 Yearly Income = Twice Per Month x 24 Yearly Income = Every Two Weeks x 26 Yearly Income = Week x 52

DO NOT round the values resulting from each conversion

NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR FREE MILK

Dear:		
Your application for free milk for your child(ren) h	nas been:	
() Approved for free milk	Denied for the following reasons:	
	() Income over the allowable amour() Food Stamp/CA/FDPIR case # in() Incomplete application. The folloinformation is missing:	valid
	() Other:	
If you do not agree with the decision, you may disa fair hearing. This can be done by contacting the	cuss it with the school official, and you ha	ave the right to
<u> </u>	u gaund	
Name	Address & JOULLE	Phone
You may reapply for benefits at any time during a decrease in household income become uner may fill out another application at that time.	The school year. If you are not eligible in housel	now but have nold size, you
This notification letter may qualify your child for waivers and specific educational programs office) for more information on these benefits.		
"The United States Department of Agriculture (Lactivities on the basis of race, color, national sexual orientation, and marital of family status Persons with disabilities who require alternativ (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contain TDD).	which gender religion, age, disability, post of all prohibited bases apply to a means for communication of program	olitical beliefs, all programs.) m information
To file a complaint of discrimination, write US Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Aven 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal of	ue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410	•
Sincerely,		
Name	Title	Date

NOTIFICACION PARA LECHE GRATUITA

Estimado/a		:
Su aplicación para leche gratuita par	a su hijo/a ha sido:	
() Aprobada para Leche Gratuita	Denegada por las sig	uientes razones:
	la cantidad permitida () El numero de cas en referencia a Estan Asistencia Monetaria	o FDPIR, no es valido. á incompleta. Falta la
Si no está de acuerdo con la decisió una audiencia imparcial. Puede hace		
Nombre	Dirección	Teléfono
Puede volver a salicitar para recibir Si usted no califica ahora pero sus número de personas que viven solicitud.	gresps economidas se reducen, pi	nento durante el año escolar. erde su trabajo, o aumenta el en ese momento llenar otra
Esta carta de notificación puede compensación de cuotas, y program relación con estos beneficios, lleve agencia).	Jas de edhoacion especincos. Par	ra recibir mas información en
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Sincerely,		
Nombre	Posición	Fecha

HOW TO DETERMINE NUMBER OF MILKS SERVED FOR NONPRICING PROGRAMS OF PRICING PROGRAMS WITHOUT FREE MILK

The method shown in the example below may be used to compute the amount of milk reported for the paid category in the Special Milk column on the reimbursement claim.

	BEGINNING INVENTORY (half-pints Pts. on Hand)	<u>- 0 -</u>	
	Total Number of half-pints Pts. Purchased During Month (Add)	5,200	
	TOTAL HALF-PINTS AVAILABLE		5,200
LI	ESS:		
	*Total No. of half-pints Pts. Served to Adults During Month	<u>780</u>	
	Ending Inventory	<u>- 0 -</u>	
	SUBTOTAL (Subtract)		<u>(780)</u>
	TOTAL (Post to the paid category in Special Milk column on the claim)		<u>4,420</u>

^{*}Milk Served to Adults

(Milk served as a beverage to adults is <u>NOT</u> eligible for reimbursement. The number of half-pints of milk served to adults during the month shall be determined by actual daily count, or as a percentage of the total milk purchased as explained below.)

Use the following steps if applying the percentage method:

1. To obtain a percentage, divide the total number of adults by the total number of persons in average daily attendance regularly having access to the milk service.

Example: Total Average Daily Attendance was 130.

Total No. of Adults

Total Average Daily Attendance

20

130 = .15 or 15%

2. Multiply the percentage by the total number of half-pints available during the month.

Example: $.15 \times 5,200 = 780$ (half-pints served to adults)

3. Subtract the amount of half-pints served to adults during the month from the total number of half-pints available during the month before posting to the paid category on the claim.

Example: 5,200 - 780 = 4,420. Post to the paid category in the Special Milk column on the claim.

WORK SHEET FOR DETERMINING NUMBER OF MILKS SERVED FOR NONPRICING PROGRAM OF PRICING PROGRAM WITHOUT FREE MILK

MONTH		YEAR					
Use the following method for coreimbursement claim.	omputing the paid o	ategory in the	Special N	Milk	column	on	the
BEGINNING INVENTORY (h	alf-pints on Hand)						
Total Number of half-pints Po	urchased During Mon	th (Add)					
TOTAL HALF-PINTS AVAIL	ABLE						
LESS:							
Total No. of Half-Pints Served	I to Adults During Mor	th					
Ending Inventory							
SUBTOTAL (Subtract)							
TOTAL (Post to paid categor	y in Special Milk colur	nn on the claim)					
Signature			Date				

Special Milk Program Daily Worksheet (Pricing Program)

chool	Month	Year
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				No. Half-Pints	
Date	Free	Paid	Adults	Purchased	Cost
TOTAL (POST TO CLAIM)					
(1 COT TO CLAIM)	FREE CATEGORY	PAID CATEGORY		HALF-PINTS PURCH.	COST OF MILK

REQUIRED DATA NEEDED TO SUBMIT REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

DOCUMENTATION MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL DATA ENTERED. CLAIMS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE 10TH OF EVERY MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH OF OPERATION.

1.	Total Number of Days Served.		

- 2. Total Paid Half-Pints Served.
- 3. Total Free Half-Pints Served.
- **4. Cost of Milk Purchased** During the Month. (Do not report the cost of milk <u>on hand</u> at the beginning of the month.)
- 5. Number of Half-Pints Purchased During the Month.
- **6. Average Cost per Half-Pint** of Milk (this will be calculated based on number 4 and 5 above)

NET CASH RESOURCES WORKSHEET

СТ	TD # Sponsor Name	Sponsor Name N		
an	et Cash Resources means all monies that are available y time during the specified month, less accounts paya penditures.			
CA	ASH ON HAND:			
a.	Change Funds	\$	<u> </u>	
b.	Deposits in Transit	\$	<u></u>	
CA	ASH DEPOSITED:			
c.	Fund Balance at Commercial Bank	\$	<u> </u>	
d.	Food Service Fund (Public Schools 510) Balance (Fund balance at the County Treasurer)	\$		
AC	CCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:			
e.	Federal Reimbursement (Amount due; not yet received)	\$	<u> </u>	
f.	Student Charges (Amount due for Charged Meals)	\$		
<u>TC</u>	OTAL CASH AVAILABLE		\$ (Total a – f)	
Le	ss: Accounts Payable (Unpaid Invoices, Wages & Ind	lirect Cost, if any).	\$	
<u>C/</u>	ASH AVAILABLE AFTER ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		\$	
To	ERAGE THREE MONTHS' EXPENDITURES tal Food Service Expenditures year-to-date, divided by the nonths to date, times three.	number of operating	\$	
	Signature and Title of Authorized Represer	ntative		

APPENDIX: K

SAMPLE PROCUREMENT POLICY CODE OF STANDARDS

Any officer, employee, or agent of the <u>sponsor</u>, who has occasion to handle school food or monies, shall perform his/her duties in a manner consistent with good business practices.

- 1. Solicitation or acceptance of gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub-agreements.
- 2. Participation in awards or administration of contracts to firms in which the employee, or any member of his/her immediate family, has a financial or other interest.

Where financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is unsolicited and of nominal intrinsic value, such interest shall be documented and approved by <u>sponsor</u> before acceptance.

Penalties or other disciplinary actions for infractions of this policy will be based on the seriousness of the violations. Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to

- 1. written disciplinary report filed in individual's personnel file;
- 2. suspension of duties;
- 3. termination of employment;
- 4. prosecution of legal authorities.

Civil Rights Compliance

Sponsor Name	Date of Completion				
The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations outline each sponsor's responsibility regarding civil rights compliance in the school nutrition programs. The following checklist furnishes an overview of the requirements. Complete the form each year by December 15th and retain on file for program audit/review.					
Is the complete nondiscrimination statement included on the printed material?	parent letter and all other	YES	NO	N/A	
2. Have any complaints of discrimination (written or verbal) been	received this school year?				
3. If "yes" to number 2, have they been acted upon according to procedures?					
4. Is the nondiscrimination poster displayed in a prominent place	e at each site?				
5. Is program information made available to major employers co	ntemplating layoffs?				
6. Are program materials printed in a language other than English	sh, if needed?				
7. Do admission procedures restrict enrollment by minority person					
8. Are handicapped students including those with special dietary benefits as appropriate?	needs, provided program				
Complete the following chart for each site on the program. The for free milk, as completed by households. For sponsors not of used.					
	Number Approved for Free Milk	Nu	mber De	enied	
American Indian or Alaskan Native					
Asian					
Black or African American					
Hispanic or Latino					
White					
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander					
Total					

FILING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

Any person alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability has a right to file a complaint within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory action. All written discrimination complaints shall be sent directly to the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). Verbal complaints, including anonymous complaints, shall be accepted.

In the event that a complaint is made verbally, the person receiving the allegation shall write up the complaint to include as much of the following information as possible:

- a) Name, address and telephone number or other means of contacting the complainant.
- b) The specific location and name of the entity delivering the program service or benefit.
- c) The nature of the incident(s) or actions(s) that lead the complaint to be filed.
- d) The basis on which the complainant feels discrimination has occurred, i.e., race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability.
- e) The names, titles and addresses of persons who may have knowledge of the discriminatory action.
- f) The date(s) during which the alleged discriminatory action occurred, or if continuing, the duration of such actions.